



Arkansas Post National Memorial

Calendar of Events 2012



March 10- Spring Bayou Float See Arkansas Post as the Indians, explorers and settlers did – from the bow of a canoe. This float will travel from Moore’s Bayou to Post Bayou. If you cannot bring your own canoe or kayak, some seats may be available. The program is free, but registration is required. Call Joe Herron or Kirby McCallie (870-548-2207) to register.

Pre-Bio Blitz Sessions – A special series of identification workshops to help high school and adult “citizen scientists” learn how to accurately identify wildlife. There is no charge for these sessions that begin at 10 AM in the park theater:

March 31 – Reptiles and Amphibians

April 7 – Mammals

April 14 – Creatures of the Night

NATIONAL PARK WEEK APRIL 21 - 29

April 21 - The First Ever Arkansas Post Bio Blitz High School students and adult volunteers interested in becoming citizen scientists are invited to join science professionals in surveying terrestrial mammals, reptiles, and amphibians at Arkansas Post. Surveying will be conducted from dawn to dusk and many different time slots are available for participants. Contact Joe Herron at 870-548-2207 to register and check the BioBlitz page on our Web site (www.nps.gov/arpo) for more information.

April 21 - The 5th Annual Digital Photography Contest - To be eligible, photos must be taken within the park boundaries between April 21 and September 3, 2012. There are six categories in both the youth and adult divisions. Contact the park for contest rules and entry form.

April 28 – Colonial Encampment / 229th Anniversary of Colbert’s Raid – Join park staff and volunteers from 10 AM to 3 PM to learn about the French and Spanish Colonial period in Arkansas. Members of the Early Arkansas Reenactors and the Arkansas Post Spanish Cannon Crew will be on hand. Musket and Cannon Demonstrations will be conducted periodically.

April 29 - National Parks of Arkansas Film Series – Join us at the Visitor Center from 2pm -5pm for special presentations of films from some of the other National Parks in Arkansas. A short introduction and Q&A will accompany each film. The event is free and registration is not required.

May 12 – Civil War Encampment and Book-signing– Join park staff and volunteers for a Civil War Encampment from 10 AM to 2 PM near the park visitor center. Mark Christ from the Arkansas Department of Heritage will be on hand for a special program and to sign copies of his book *Civil War Arkansas, 1863*. This book is currently on sale in the Eastern National Bookstore in the park visitor center. Call 870-548-2207 for details.

The **Summer 2012 Calendar of Events** will be released during **National Park Week**. Programs and Events included will be the Youth Fishing Derby (June 16), Family Fun Days, and Educator Workshops (dates TBA)

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in June and July -Trailblazers – Join Ranger Joe Herron at **8 AM** for a special “couch-potato to 5K” running program. Time completing the program can go towards earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Registration is necessary; call Joe Herron at 870-548-2207.

September 29 – Climate Change at Arkansas Post – Resource Manager Sarah Allely leads a walk discussing the effects of climate change in the park including wildlife migration and the spread of invasive exotic plants. The program is free, registration is not required.

October 20 – The 18th Annual Ghosts of the Past - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert’s Raid, and the Civil War. Tours last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Arkansas Post National Memorial is located off State Highway 169, approximately 5 miles south of Gillett on Highway 165. The Visitor Center is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM everyday (excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.)

Guided tours and programs for groups are available by advance reservation. Admission is free. Park grounds (Trails, Parking, Picnic, and Fishing areas) are open 8:00 AM till dark. Dog’s must remain on leash. Fireworks and Hunting are prohibited on park grounds. Fishing is allowed along the banks of the lakes and bayous. (Arkansas Game & Fish regulations apply.)

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